Alberta Population Report

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Population Estimates

In 2007, Alberta's population growth remained the strongest among provinces, but the rate of increase was substantially slower than in 2006. Alberta has now had two consecutive quarters of negative interprovincial migration. However, the net inflow of international migrants has remained strong for the year of 2007.

Table 1 provides the population estimates and annual growth rates for Alberta and Canada. As shown in this table, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,497,881 on January 1, 2008. This represents an annual growth of approximately 67,700 persons (or 1.97%) during the year of 2007, comparing to a growth of 105,100 people (or 3.16%) in 2006. Although the Alberta population growth rate of 1.97% in 2007 was the lowest in three years, it was still nearly double the national average of 1.05%.

TABLE 1: **POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, CANADA & ALBERTA**

Population			Annual Growth Rate		
Jan 1	Canada	Alberta	Year	Canada	Alberta
2004	31,821,342	3,183,624			
2005	32,136,939	3,239,154	2004	0.99%	1.74%
2006	32,466,635	3,325,144	2005	1.03%	2.65%
2007	32,798,684	3,430,221	2006	1.02%	3.16%
2008	33,143,610	3,497,881	2007	1.05%	1.97%

Source: Statistics Canada

Table 2 presents the population estimates and growth rates for all provinces and territories. The annual population growth rates for the year 2007 are also included. As revealed in Table 2, Saskatchewan and British Columbia had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.67% and 1.50% respectively.

Migration

During the fourth quarter of 2007, Alberta experienced an interprovincial migration loss of 880 people, as compared to a gain of 11,810 in the fourth quarter of 2006. This is the second consecutive quarterly interprovincial migration loss since the fourth quarter of 1994.

As shown in Tables 3 and 4, the continued high outflow of migrants to British Columbia and Saskatchewan was the main reason that Alberta had a negative interprovincial migration in the fourth quarter of 2007. Alberta also had small net outflow of migrants to other provinces with the exception of Ontario and Quebec. However, the net outflow of Alberta's 880 interprovincial migrants in this quarter was more than offset by the net inflow of 3,930 international migrants moving into Alberta.

On a yearly basis, for 2007 the top three provinces enjoying the highest interprovincial migration gain were: British Columbia (13,390), Alberta (10,630) and Saskatchewan (10,170). This was the first year in ten that Alberta was not the first among provinces in net interprovincial migration. In 2007, the interprovincial migration net inflow (10,630) for Alberta was only 18% of last year (58,170).

Natural Increase

Between October 1 and December 31 of 2007, Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of approximately 5,600 people. The province had 11,100 births and 5,500 deaths in the fourth quarter.

TABLE 2: **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF JAN 1, 2008 & ANNUAL GROWTH RATES FOR 2007**

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	508,099	139,089	935,573	751,250	7,730,612	12,861,940	1,193,566	1,006,644	3,497,881	4,413,973	31,247	42,594	31,142
Growth Rate	0.12%	0.67%	0.11%	0.35%	0.73%	0.95%	1.11%	1.67%	1.97%	1.50%	0.86%	0.63%	2.01%

Source: Statistics Canada

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TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2007

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	65	256	126	39	624	20	5	664	133	14	74	40
Prince Edward I.	70	0	153	120	15	232	4	0	186	38	0	16	0
Nova Scotia	214	162	0	529	152	1,052	48	71	766	252	6	12	0
New Brunswick	184	30	545	0	388	904	76	20	675	70	24	5	0
Quebec	41	8	153	445	0	3,098	26	196	1,887	702	15	0	13
Ontario	880	138	1,180	975	2,609	0	997	834	6,011	3,056	66	65	16
Manitoba	24	22	40	26	72	817	0	635	932	549	25	0	19
Saskatchewan	24	12	23	24	45	607	421	0	1,819	688	4	8	0
Alberta	1,060	199	934	679	694	3,659	1,346	3,131	0	6,386	79	263	27
British Columbia	181	23	369	218	424	2,493	447	851	4,350	0	131	80	7
Yukon Territory	0	0	24	0	8	23	34	26	81	95	0	0	0
Northwest Terr.	9	0	25	0	21	28	15	53	171	104	42	0	24
Nunavut Terr.	28	0	20	0	7	66	15	8	35	0	0	62	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,715	659	3,722	3,142	4,474	13,603	3,449	5,830	17,577	12,073	406	585	146
Out Migration	2,060	834	3,264	2,921	6,584	16,827	3,161	3,675	18,457	9,574	291	492	241
Net Migration	655	-175	458	221	-2,110	-3,224	288	2,155	-880	2,499	115	93	-95

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 4: NET INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRATION BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORY, 2007

2007	Nfld.	P.E.I	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Y.T.	NWT	NVT.
Jan - Mar	-1,850	43	-884	36	-3,032	-4,729	-228	988	7,384	2,502	-198	-128	96
Apr - Jun	-583	17	67	526	-5,756	-6,676	-1,385	2,707	7,437	3,295	79	94	178
Jul - Sep	1,084	-122	-187	317	-3,546	-3,133	-65	4,324	-3,316	5,089	75	-337	-183
Oct - Dec	655	-175	458	221	-2,110	-3,224	288	2,155	-880	2,499	115	93	-95
Total	-694	-237	-546	1,100	-14,444	-17,762	-1,390	10,174	10,625	13,385	71	-278	-4

Source: Statistics Canada

SUMMARY STATISTICS, ALBERTA, 2007

Midyear Population (July 1, 2007): 3,473,984

Population (Jan 1, 2007): 3,430,221
Births (Jan. – Dec.): 45,343
Deaths (Jan. – Dec.): 20,925
Net Interprovincial Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 10,625
Net International Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 16,423
Net Non-Permanent Residents (Jan. – Dec.): 16,194
Growth (Jan. – Dec.): 67,660
Population (Jan 1, 2008): 3,497,881

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Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration Including Net NPR
2003											
Jan-Mar	14,036	11,453	**2,583**	3,105	695	610	610	**2,410**	**4,993**	665	**5,658**
Apr-Jun	16,180	13,199	**2,981**	4,296	848	663	880	**3,665**	**6,646**	474	**7,120**
Jul-Sep	18,554	15,549	**3,005**	4,573	1,966	926	1,322	**3,003**	**6,008**	1,100	**7,108**
Oct-Dec	10,715	9,030	**1,685**	3,861	1,064	670	558	**2,685**	**4,370**	-85	**4,285**
Total	*59,485*	*49,231*	***10,254***	*15,835*	*4,573*	*2,869*	*3,370*	***11,763***	***22,017***	***2,154***	***24,171***
2004											
Jan-Mar	13,869	10,671	**3,198**	4,072	940	633	530	**3,029**	**6,227**	464	**6,691**
Apr-Jun	17,684	14,966	**2,718**	4,605	1,184	703	918	**3,636**	**6,354**	504	**6,858**
Jul-Sep	21,696	14,993	**6,703**	4,521	1,974	946	1,428	**3,029**	**9,732**	1,029	**10,761**
Oct-Dec	15,371	8,642	**6,729**	3,274	1,052	675	597	**2,144**	**8,873**	243	**9,116**
Total	*68,620*	*49,272*	***19,348***	*16,472*	*5,150*	*2,957*	*3,473*	***11,838***	***31,186***	***2,240***	***33,426***
2005											
Jan-Mar	19,030	10,095	**8,935**	4,355	878	625	568	**3,420**	**12,355**	444	**12,799**
Apr-Jun	26,321	14,265	**12,056**	5,291	1,097	689	1,050	**4,555**	**16,611**	927	**17,538**
Jul-Sep	25,027	14,877	**10,150**	5,591	1,995	946	1,428	**4,078**	**14,228**	1,608	**15,836**
Oct-Dec	20,832	7,005	**13,827**	4,168	1,060	674	597	**3,031**	**16,858**	208	**17,066**
Total	*91,210*	*46,242*	***44,968***	*19,405*	*5,030*	*2,934*	*3,643*	***15,084***	***60,052***	***3,187***	***63,239***
2006											
Jan-Mar	23,159	10,849	**12,310**	4,727	883	624	568	**3,788**	**16,098**	1,383	**17,481**
Apr-Jun	22,816	13,308	**9,508**	5,445	1,104	687	1,050	**4,704**	**14,212**	2,159	**16,371**
Jul-Sep	47,351	22,816	**24,535**	5,713	2,015	949	1,428	**4,177**	**28,712**	2,419	**31,131**
Oct-Dec	28,596	16,783	**11,813**	4,832	1,067	674	597	**3,688**	**15,501**	996	**16,497**
Total	*121,922*	*63,756*	***58,166***	*20,717*	*5,069*	*2,934*	*3,643*	***16,357***	***74,523***	***6,957***	***81,480***
2007											
Jan-Mar	25,389	18,005	**7,384**	4,012	889	623	568	**3,068**	**10,452**	3,587	**14,039**
Apr-Jun	30,105	22,668	**7,437**	5,559	1,111	687	1,050	**4,811**	**12,248**	5,389	**17,637**
Jul-Sep	29,374	32,690	**-3,316**	6,166	2,035	949	1,428	**4,610**	**1,294**	**4,750**	**6,044**
Oct-Dec	17,577	18,457	**-880**	5,086	1,075	674	597	**3,934**	**3,054**	2,468	**5,522**
Total	*102,445*	*91,820*	***10,625***	*20,823*	*5,110*	*2,933*	*3,643*	***16,423***	***27,048***	***16,194***	***43,242***

* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada

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